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We have received the OSHPD RAMO data and will be presenting it to hospital managers, staff and the medical staff. Although our outcomes are good for both lumbar diskectomies and MIs, we will, as a part of our ongoing Quality Improvement Program, review our MI case complications to assure ourselves that they are coded properly and that care was within the community standard of practice.

We are pleased that OSHPD has been responsive to the input they received from hospitals as a result of the previous data release and has modified the data set accordingly. Better identification and coding of pre-existing conditions, which will begin next year, probably will enhance the accuracy of the data also. We realize that the value of this data to consumers will increase with each subsequent release and in a few years, with better standardization of coding, this may well be a very valuable report card.

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Sincerely,

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